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In re Application of:

Howard, et al.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 2, 2001, such extension allowing the undersigned until June 2, 2001 to respond.

A Fee Authorization form is enclosed to cover this extension fee. However, if the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505\5181-59700\BNK.

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